(c) Moral science has been integrated into the curriculum and co-curricular areas of CBSE-affiliated schools, and is also emphasized by the National Curriculum Framework, 2005.

Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla

2173. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present role of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies located at Shimla;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have been increasing its budget every year for the institute;

(c) the future goals of the IIAS;

(d) whether Government would consider reviewing the need for this expensive institution; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that institutions which are not contributing to national development are reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. SHRI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla was established with the primary objective of promoting creative thought in areas which have deep human significance, and provinding an environment suitable for academic research in selected subjects in humanities, Indian Culture, Comparative Religion, Social Science, Natural Sciences, among others.

(b) No, Sir. The Budget Estimates under Plan and Non-Plan Heads of the IIAS for the financial years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 were as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Budget Estimates	
	Plan	Non-Plan
2003-04	275.00	400.00
2004-05	275.00	400.00
2005-06	180.00	400.00

(c) According to the information given by the IIAS, Shimla, the Institute will serve as a nodal centre for dialogue among civilizations, keeping in view the phenomenon of globalisation where differences as well as affinities between different nations and cultures have to open vistas of international movements of intellect and sensibility for a harmonious life on the globe.

(d) and (e) The Government of India had appointed Shri D. Bandyopadhyay, Executive Chairperson, Council for Social Development and former Secretary to the Government of India to review the work of IIAS, Shimla, to hold enquiry into the affairs thereof and to report thereon. The Committee had submitted its report to the Government on 20.07.2005, which has been accepted by the Government. A copy of the report has also been sent to the Chairman, IIAS, Shimla for placing it before the Governing Body of the IIAS Society for taking appropriate view in the matter, and for implementation of the recommendations of the Review Committee.

Failure of National Literacy Mission

†2174. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that details of achievements of National Literacy Mission can be seen only on papers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that special literacy drive being run in 150 districts having minimum literacy rate in the country has become only a formality in the absence of proper monitoring;

(c) if not, the State-wise details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering to formulate a concrete scheme for overall development of the above 150 districts;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.